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PROCEDURE FOR SHOOTING OF FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to simplify the procedure for shooting of films in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) Government of India has simplified the procedure for shooting of films by foreigners in India. Processing of the application for granting permission, in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs, will normally take not more than three weeks. If the film requires shooting in sensitive areas of Jammu & Kashmir, North-Eastern India, border areas of the country, etc., the application will be considered for specific approval in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs. In such cases clearing of applications would require more time to process. Further, if the issue(s) dealt in the feature film is(are) regarding communal subjects, human rights, tribal, nuclear and defence related issues or any other issue dealt in the script is considered provocative or sensitive from economic/social/ political angle, permission would require prior consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs.

(c) Does not arise.